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**LETTER RE: STATEMENT UNDER 42 U.S.C. 2182**  
**(90 Day Letter to DOE)**

A statement under statute 42 U.S.C. 2182 has been filed in the above-identified application. Copies of the statement and required application papers are forwarded herewith.

A dated acknowledgment of receipt in the U.S. Department of Energy of the copies of the statement and required application papers is requested to determine the starting of the 90-day period recited in the statute. A duplicate copy of this letter is provided for a return receipt.

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Enclosures (3): Statement under 42 U.S.C. 2182 (copy)  
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